

EC-4553. A communication from the Director, Corporate Policy and Research Department, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benefits Payable in Terminated Single-Employer Plans; Allocation of Assets in Single-Employer Plans; Interest Assumptions for Valuing and Paying Benefits" received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4554. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Speeding Appellate Review for Aging Veterans" (RIN2900-AL08) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

EC-4555. A communication from the Director, Regulations Management, Board of Veterans' Appeals, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Board of Veterans' Appeals: Rules of Practice—Motions for Revision of Decisions on Grounds of Clear and Unmistakable Error: Advancement on the Docket" (RIN2900-AJ85) received on September 25, 2003; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. MCCAIN, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment:

S. 861. A bill to authorize the acquisition of interests in undeveloped coastal areas in order to better ensure their protection from development (Rept. No. 108-158).

By Mr. DOMENICI, from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, with amendments and with an amended preamble:

S.J. Res. 16. A joint resolution to approve the "Compact of Free Association, as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Federated States of Micronesia", and the "Compact of Free Association as amended between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands", and otherwise to amend Public Law 99-239, and to appropriate for the purposes of amended Public Law 99-239 for fiscal years ending on or before September 30, 2023, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 108-159).

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. WARNER for the Committee on Armed Services.

Army nomination of Lt. Gen. George W. Casey, Jr.

Navy nomination of Rear Adm. David C. Nichols, Jr.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. BOND):

S. 1690. A bill to amend the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to provide for integrated workforce training programs for adults with limited English proficiency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1691. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SUNUNU:

S. 1692. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 38 Spring Street in Nashua, New Hampshire, as the "Hugh Gregg Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BAUCUS):

S. 1693. A bill to amend section 35 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals receiving unemployment compensation to be eligible for a refundable, advanceable credit for health insurance costs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BROWNBACK:

S. 1694. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide veterans who participated in certain Department of Defense chemical and biological warfare testing to be provided health care for illness without requirement for proof of service-connection; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. LEAHY (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SUNUNU, and Mr. REID):

S. 1695. A bill to provide greater oversight over the USA PATRIOT Act; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself and Mr. INOUE):

S. 1696. A bill to amend the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act to provide further self-governance by Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. DODD (for himself, Mr. SARBANES, and Mr. REED):

S. 1697. A bill to establish the elderly housing plus health support demonstration program to modernize public housing for elderly and disabled persons; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. ENZI (for himself, Mr. GREGG, Mr. BOND, and Mr. SANTORUM):

S. 1698. A bill to amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to promote the provision of retirement investment advice to workers managing their retirement income assets; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. INHOFE:

S. 1699. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to require parental consent for non-emergency intrusive physical examinations; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. DEWINE, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. SMITH, Mr. KENNEDY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WARNER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CAMPBELL, Mr. KOHL, Mrs. CLINTON, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MURRAY, and Ms. LANDRIEU):

S. 1700. A bill to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collec-

tion and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, and Mr. BIDEN):

S. Res. 237. A resolution welcoming the public apologies issued by the President of Serbia and Montenegro and the President of the Republic of Croatia and urging other leaders in the region to perform similar concrete acts of reconciliation; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 139

At the request of Mr. LIEBERMAN, the names of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. NELSON) were added as cosponsors of S. 139, a bill to provide for a program of scientific research on abrupt climate change, to accelerate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the United States by establishing a market-driven system of greenhouse gas tradeable allowances that could be used interchangeably with passenger vehicle fuel economy standard credits, to limit greenhouse gas emissions in the United States and reduce dependence upon foreign oil, and ensure benefits to consumers from the trading in such allowances.

S. 333

At the request of Mr. BREAU, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. BOXER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 333, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 349

At the request of Mrs. FEINSTEIN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 349, a bill to amend title II of the Social Security Act to repeal the Government pension offset and windfall elimination provisions.

S. 767

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. HAGEL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 767, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the increase in the tax on social security benefits.

S. 894

At the request of Mr. WARNER, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VOINOVICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 894, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 230th Anniversary of the United States Marine Corps, and to support construction of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr.

ROBERTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. 1083

At the request of Mr. LUGAR, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1083, a bill to give States the flexibility to reduce bureaucracy by streamlining enrollment processes for the medicaid and State children's health insurance programs through better linkages with programs providing nutrition and related assistance to low-income families.

S. 1177

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1177, a bill to ensure the collection of all cigarette taxes, and for other purposes.

S. 1380

At the request of Mr. SMITH, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1380, a bill to distribute universal service support equitably throughout rural America, and for other purposes.

S. 1394

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAUX) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1394, a bill to establish a demonstration project under the medicaid program to encourage the provision of community-based services to individuals with disabilities.

S. 1431

At the request of Mr. LAUTENBERG, the names of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 1431, a bill to reauthorize the assault weapons ban, and for other purposes.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1545

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. EDWARDS) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1545, a bill to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents.

S. 1629

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from Washington (Mrs. MURRAY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1629, a bill to improve the pal-

liative and end-of-life care provided to children with life-threatening conditions, and for other purposes.

S. 1630

At the request of Mrs. CLINTON, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. NELSON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1630, a bill to facilitate nationwide availability of 2-1-1 telephone service for information and referral services, and for other purposes.

S. 1634

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. CHAFEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1634, a bill to provide funds for the security and stabilization of Iraq by suspending a portion of the reductions in the highest income tax rate for individual taxpayers.

S. 1670

At the request of Mr. DAYTON, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1670, a bill to expand the Rest and Recuperation Leave program for members of the Armed Forces serving in the Iraqi theater of operations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom to include travel and transportation to the members' permanent station or home.

S. 1683

At the request of Mr. VOINOVICH, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1683, a bill to provide for a report on the parity of pay and benefits among Federal law enforcement officers and to establish an exchange program between Federal law enforcement employees and State and local law enforcement employees.

S. 1686

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Tennessee (Mr. ALEXANDER) and the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) were added as cosponsors of S. 1686, a bill to reauthorize the adoption incentive payments program under part E of title IV of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes.

S. CON. RES. 67

At the request of Mr. COCHRAN, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Con. Res. 67, a concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and supporting the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month.

S. RES. 231

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. DASCHLE) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 231, a resolution commending the Government and people of Kenya.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. 1691. A bill to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. FEINGOLD. Mr. President, today I introduce the Wartime Treatment Study Act. This bill would create two fact-finding commissions: one commission to review the U.S. Government's treatment of German Americans, Italian Americans, and European Latin Americans during World War II and another commission to review the U.S. Government's treatment of Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecution during World War II. This bill is long overdue.

I am very pleased that my distinguished colleagues, Senators GRASSLEY, KENNEDY, and LIEBERMAN, have joined me as cosponsors of this important bill. I thank them for their support.

The Allied victory in the Second World War was an American triumph, a triumph for freedom, justice, and human rights. The courage displayed by so many Americans, of all ethnic origins, should be a source of great pride for all Americans.

But, as so many brave Americans fought against enemies in Europe and the Pacific, here, at home, the U.S. Government was curtailing the freedom of some of its own people. While, it is, of course, the right of every nation to protect itself during wartime, the U.S. Government must respect the basic freedoms for which so many Americans have given their lives to defend. War tests our principles and our values. And as our Nation's recent experience has shown, it is during times of war and conflict, when our fears are high and our principles are tested most, that we must be even more vigilant to guard against violations of the Constitution.

Many Americans are aware of the fact that, during World War II, under the authority of Executive Order 9066, our Government forced more than 100,000 ethnic Japanese from their homes into internment camps. Japanese Americans were forced to leave their homes, their livelihoods, and their communities and were held behind barbed wire and military guard by their own government. Through the work of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians created by Congress in 1980, this shameful event finally received the official acknowledgement and condemnation it deserved. Under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988, people of Japanese ancestry who were subjected to relocation or internment later received an apology and reparations on behalf of the people of the United States.

While I commend our Government for finally recognizing and apologizing for the mistreatment of Japanese Americans during World War II, I believe that it is time that the government also acknowledge the mistreatment experienced by many German Americans,